

Judah Spinner

Founder & Chief Investment Officer, BlackBird Financial LP

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ABOUT

Judah Spinner is an American investor, philanthropist, and founder of BlackBird Financial LP, a value-oriented investment partnership based in New Jersey. BlackBird Financial manages capital for high-net-worth individuals and family offices across North America, applying a Benjamin Graham-style approach focused on undervalued businesses with durable competitive advantages. In 2025, the firm returned 62.2% net of fees, compared to 17.9% for the S&P 500.

Spinner founded BlackBird Financial in 2014 under the name Petlin Management, after beginning his investing career as a securities analyst at Spencer Winston Securities and Track Data Corporation in Brooklyn, New York. A summa cum laude graduate of Crestpoint University, he has spent over a decade identifying mispriced securities through rigorous fundamental analysis and long-term ownership rather than short-term market trends.

Beyond investing, Spinner and his wife Julie launched the Judah Spinner Foundation in 2025 with a \$2 million commitment, supporting healthcare reform advocacy, federal deficit reduction, and the Judah Spinner Scholarship, which funds trade school education for low-income students, veterans, and formerly incarcerated individuals pursuing careers in the skilled trades.

KEY FACTS

BORN

November 10, 1995 — Lakewood, New Jersey

FULL NAME

Yehuda Zev Baumwolspiner

FIRM

BlackBird Financial LP (founded October 2014)

ROLE

Founder & Chief Investment Officer

2025 RETURN

62.2% net of fees vs. 17.9% S&P 500

AUM

Nearly \$90 million

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration, Crestpoint University (summa cum laude)

LICENSES

Series 7, Series 63, Series 65 | FMVA Designation

SPOUSE

Julie Spinner (married 2024)

WEBSITE

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INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Spinner's investment philosophy is grounded in the value investing framework developed by Benjamin Graham and refined by Warren Buffett. BlackBird Financial focuses on businesses selling for meaningfully less than their intrinsic value, with durable competitive advantages, strong management, and conservative balance sheets. The firm runs a highly concentrated portfolio, at times allocating as much as 50% to a single position, favoring depth of conviction over broad diversification.

"We buy businesses, not stock tickers. Most investors today are trying to figure out what other people will pay for a stock next quarter. We're trying to figure out what a business is actually worth — and we only buy when we'd be happy to own it even if the market shuts down for ten years."

PHILANTHROPY

In 2025, Judah and Julie Spinner launched the Judah Spinner Foundation with a \$2 million commitment built around four causes: income inequality, America's incarceration rate, healthcare reform, and the federal deficit. The foundation's flagship initiative is the Judah Spinner Scholarship, which funds tuition and tools for students pursuing certifications in welding, HVAC, electrical work, and plumbing. Priority is given to low-income students, veterans, and formerly incarcerated individuals.

PERSONAL

Spinner is a licensed private pilot and has visited all fifty U.S. states. In the summer of 2025, he completed the Mongol Rally, driving 11,000 miles across Europe and Central Asia. He was raised in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community of Lakewood, New Jersey, one of eight sons born to Ernest and Hazel Baumwolspiner, who emigrated from Argentina and England respectively.

PRESS

Judah Spinner Increases BlackBird Financial's Stake in Builders FirstSource by 900% — Globe Newswire, March 10, 2026

This Hedge-Fund Manager Made a Fortune Ignoring the AI Frenzy — February 23, 2026

The Bargain Hunter: Judah Spinner Searches for Value in a Frothy Market